### Project Title:
Mental health, wellbeing and support of apprentices

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### Project Type:
Survey, Qualitative analysis

### Project Category:
Mental health, public health, education

### Project Keywords:
1. Wellbeing
2. Young People

### Project Description:
This mixed methods study addresses the mental health and wellbeing of apprentices and available protective structures of support in the critical school to work transition period (ages:16-24), exploring links with training outcomes. This research will build the foundation for further work on how to better support the wellbeing of youth in the transition from school to work and how structures of support like apprenticeship arrangements can play a critical role in improving both workforce development and wellbeing in contemporary Australia.

As part of a cohort study the scholar will undertake qualitative interviews with a purposively selected, and previously consented, sample of young apprentices from both small “direct” employers and training organisations. The researcher will work with the supervisors on constructing a topic guide for these interviews based on early quantitative work, conduct, transcribe and code the interviews. The resulting study should provide depth on the organisational context and apprentice experience.

The student will be provided with guidance on all aspects of qualitative research methodology and analysis and regular supervision.

The project will form a significant part of the final report and should be suitable for a first author publication.